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SUBJECT: POPE CREATES COMMISSION FOR RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

1. TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER CONTACT BETWEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND JUDAISM, POPE PAUL ANNOUNCED OCT. 22 THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION FOR RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM. THE COMMISSION WILL BE AN AUTONOMOUS BODY UNDER THE VATICAN SECRETARIAT FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, HEADED BY DUTCH CARDINAL JOHANNES WILLEBRANDS. THE COMMISSION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WORLDWIDE RELATIONS OF A RELIGIOUS NATURE BETWEEN CATHOLICS AND JEWS AND WILL AMPLIFY THE WORK ALREADY BEING CARRIED ON BY THE INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE BETWEEN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND WORLD JUDAISM WHICH HAS BEEN MEETING ANNUALLY SINCE 1971. THIS NEW COMMISSION IS A CULMINATION OF A PROCESS BEGUN AT THE CLOSE OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL IN 1965.

2. SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE ABOVE, THE POPE ALSO ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION FOR RELATIONS WITH ISLAM. LOCAL JEWISH SOURCES WHO WORK WITH THE VATICAN ON INTER-FAITH MATTERS EXPRESSED TO US A GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE CREATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR JUDAISM, A PROJECT THEY HAVE BEEN URGING THE VATICAN TO UNDERTAKE SINCE THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL. SAME JEWISH SOURCES

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HAVE BEEN FOR MANY YEARS DISPLEASED THAT, CONTRARY TO ITS

RELATIONS WITH ISLAM, WHICH INCLUDE ANNUAL GOOD WISHES
FOR RAMADAN, VATICAN HAS NEVER MADE ANY PUBLIC GESTURE ACKNOW-
LEDGING JUDAISM OR ANY OF ITS GREAT FEASTS. THIS LATEST GESTURE,
THE TIMING OF WHICH JEWISH SOURCES CONSIDER WAS DETERMINED BY
VATICAN DESIRE TO ANNOUNCE CREATION OF MOSLEM COMMISSION, NEVER-
THELESS LIKELY TO SWEEP AWAY ANY PAST ILL FEELINGS WHICH MAY
HAVE BEEN FELT BY WORLD JEWRY IN THIS REGARDS. VOLPE

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